

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 685

By Tracy

A RESOLUTION to honor Jean Baum upon the occasion of her induction into the Tennessee Walking Horse National Celebration Hall of Fame.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of the General Assembly should honor a remarkable professional who has rendered valuable service to the Tennessee Walking Horse industry, one of the Volunteer State's largest and most successful enterprises in terms of agriculture, commerce, tourism, and equine sports; and

WHEREAS, known far and wide as The World's Greatest Horse Show, the Tennessee Walking Horse National Celebration is the premier event for the Tennessee Walking Horse; spanning eleven days and nights prior to Labor Day and encompassing exciting competition, the Celebration annually awards more than \$650,000 in prize money and crowns the breed's World Grand Champion and some twenty World Champions; and

WHEREAS, on February 23, 2008, the Tennessee Walking Horse National Celebration (TWHNC) will be inducting twelve worthy people into the TWHNC Hall of Fame during a gala evening at Calsonic Arena on the Celebration Grounds in Shelbyville, Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, the TWHNC Hall of Fame ceremony is held biennially to specially honor and recognize those sterling professionals who, "have made significant and outstanding contributions to the walking horse industry and the Tennessee Walking Horse National Celebration" during, "fifteen or more years involvement with the breed"; and

WHEREAS, the exemplary 2008 class of TWHNC Hall of Fame inductees most appropriately includes long-time owner and exhibitor Jean Baum, of Ixonia, Wisconsin, who is renowned and respected throughout the walking horse industry and is an enthusiastic supporter of the Celebration; and

WHEREAS, in 1964, Jean Baum attended her first Celebration and she has yet to miss one; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Baum developed an interest in horses when she was six years old and experienced riding lessons at a day camp; she was married with three children before she bought her first horse, which turned out to be part walking horse; and

WHEREAS, when it came time to purchase another horse, Mrs. Baum traveled to the Beckler-Brown barn in Shelbyville, met nineteen-year-old Trainer Joe Martin, and bought her first show horse; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Baum eventually purchased Red Bomber and teamed the horse with the winningest trainer of that time, Buddy Hugh; her horses have been with Buddy Hugh, and then Bobby Hugh, ever since; and

WHEREAS, a highly respected member of the Wisconsin Walking Horse Association, Mrs. Baum enjoys showing as often as possible in Tennessee; some of her horses include Pusher's Pure Delight, Mu Fair Play Lady, Encore's Hurrican Lily, Strokin, On Sunday, and Firestone General; and

WHEREAS, the future looks especially competitive for Mrs. Baum as she readies for two-year-old Out On Parole with Bobby Hugh, as well as a Main Power yearling, and two babies; and

WHEREAS, in addition to her devotion to horses, Mrs. Baum has taught chemistry at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, helped her husband, Leo, in the real estate business, raised a family, and operated a farm; and

WHEREAS, this industrious woman has served as an officer of the American Association of University Women, helped form the Wisconsin Walking Horse Association, and rendered sterling service as a member of the Board of the Walking Horse Owners Association; and

WHEREAS, by means of her induction into the TWHNC Hall of Fame, Jean Baum has earned the ultimate accolade given by the Walking Horse industry, and we should pay homage to her life of purpose, commitment, and accomplishment on this very special occasion; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby honor Jean Baum on the occasion of her induction into the Tennessee Walking Horse National Celebration Hall of Fame, as we salute her stalwart devotion to the walking horse industry and the State of Tennessee.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with the final clause omitted from such copy.